

UNAPPROVED

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission - Public Meeting, September 16, 2015

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a Public Meeting on Wednesday September 16, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Members Present:

Brent Owen, Vice Chairman
David Herold
David Ambrose
Lawerence Buck
Brian DiCoccio

Also Present: Don Moisa IWWC Agent

5 Persons in the audience

Vice Chairman Owen opened the meeting at 7:42 pm

GENERAL COMMENTS

No Comments

PUBLIC MEETING

Application No. 660-15 Kevin Koski, 9 Meadow View Dr. Parcel # 187002

Application to allow fill material placed as bank stabilization along the brook edge within a regulated area to remain.

Mr. Koski explained that he had prepared a written plan to remove the material instead of leaving the material in place. The material would be hauled away by a bobcat.

Commissioners indicated that he was instructed to add silt fence, temporarily seed the area, and hire a professional engineer to design a permanent solution.

Mr. Koski responded that he did not have the money for a professional engineer and acknowledged that he had placed the material by mistake and accepted responsibility for the work.

Don Moisa stated that he had visited the site and Mr. Koski had complied with setting of the silt fence, and seeding of the area but had not hired a professional engineer.

The grass was starting to come up and there was no noticeable erosion even though there had been some significant rain and thunderstorms.

Commissioner Buck stated that he had also visited the site and that what Mr. Koski is proposing to do is reasonable for correcting what shouldn't have been done. He does not have a problem with the removal of the material.

Commissioners also pointed out that there are other areas along the brook where other neighbors have added fill over the years and there is a large pile of grass clippings adjacent to it.

Don Moisa would investigate.

Motion by Commissioner Buck to Approve the removal of the material as a Summary Ruling, and to amend the previous ruling to **not** require a professional engineer, seconded by Commission Ambrose with the condition that the work be coordinated with town staff.

All voted in favor, motion passed.

Application No. 663-15 Salvatore Sardo Jr, 581 Highland St. Parcel # 090009

Application for maintenance/repair of the existing dam within a regulated area

Mr. Sardo explained that the purpose of the application was for the repair/maintenance on the dam to stop the undermining and leaking.

Mr. Sardo would like to shore up the North side by placing steel sheet piling along the North side & then cutting the sheeting to the proper height and adding some concrete blocks behind it.

The date of the original dam construction is unknown; it is a class AA dam according to DEEP. Which is the lowest class as far as damage potential is concerned.

The dam is currently constructed of a boulder rubble pile with crude concrete slab and wood tongue and groove planks which has settled and been undermined causing the water to drain out.

Mr. Sardo expects minimum excavation if any.

Commissioners questioned the time to complete the work.

Mr. Sardo expected it would take 1 -2 days.

Commissioners recommended light weight sheet piling and the use of a vibratory compactor on a backhoe to install the pilings.

Commissioners suggested getting the sheet piling 4' below the culvert and to extend the sheet piling approximately 40' in width along the pond to avoid the possibility of water going around the ends.

Mr. Moisa indicated the importance of maintaining the spillway size and elevation due to the impacts slight changes have upstream.

Commissioners questioned if Mr. Sardo had any discussions with DEEP.

Mr. Sardo indicated that he had spoken with DEEP extensively and that a DEEP permit was not needed.

Commissioners wanted to be sure that any permits & DEEP requirements are the responsibility of the applicant.

Motion by Commissioner Buck to Approve as a Summary Ruling, seconded by Commissioner Herold with the condition that the applicant takes responsibility to contact DEEP to confirm that DEEP does not require a permit.

All voted in favor, motion passed

RE: Application No. 664-15 E/S Frank Dibacco, CCC Construction LLC Back La., Parcel #042016 & 043011

Application for a 22 Lot subdivision, new roads, storm water systems, sanitary sewer and public water systems.

Mr. Dibacco & Mr. James Dutton LS appeared and requested to be put on the agenda for discussion.

Vice-Chairman Owen polled the Commissioners and all members agreed to amend the agenda to add Application No. 664-15E/S.

Mr. Dibacco presented plans to the Commission

Mr. Dutton gave an overview of the project:

They are proposing 22 lots and roadways off of Back La. & west of the 1860 Reservoir on 15.96 acres.

There is 4200 S.F. of inland wetlands as defined by soil scientist George Logan of REMA Environmental Services.

They are proposing two water quality basins.

Vice Chairman Owen cautioned the applicant that any comments made by Commissioners at this point were preliminary and non-binding.

Commissioner Buck commented on the typical requirement that 30' more or less of outside living space outside of the wetlands adjacent to the house be provided.

Motion by Commissioner Buck to set for a public hearing at the next regular meeting with the condition that town staff receives complete plans in accordance with Mike Turner's memo dated September 11, 2015 before October 8th 2015, seconded by Commission Herold.

All voted in favor, motion passed

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes- July 15, 2015
(LS,JK,LM,DA,LB,BD,MZ,DH)

2. Correspondence (No Action Required)
 - a. 2016 Meeting schedule
 - b. Connecticut DEEP's Training for Municipal Inland Wetlands Agencies
(a voucher is available for anyone who is interested)
 - c. Connecticut Association of Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commissions 38th
Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference
 - d. "Pollution Prevention View" newsletter
 - e. "Your Environmental Connection" newsletter
 - f. "The Habitat" newsletter

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Herold to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Buck.

All voted in favor, motion passed.

Vice Chairman Owen Adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the minutes approved by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission.

Don Moisa, Wetlands Agent

Date